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1. SUMMARY. KING HASSAN HELD PRESS CONFERENCE MORNING OCT 30 TO OUTLINE RESULTS OF ARAB SUMMIT CONFERENCE. HE PAINTED FAVORABLE PICTURE OF PLO-JORDANIAN RECONCILIATION AND ATMOSPHERE AT SUMMIT, AND SAW NEED FOR URGENCY IN PEACE EFFORTS, COMMENTING THAT ONLY CONFRONTATION STATES COULD DECIDE WHETHER TO GO TO GENEVA. KING NOTED ARABS HAD NATURALLY TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT US VIEW, BUT US MUST NOW ALSO RECKON SERIOUSLY WITH ARABS, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT CURRENT UNFAVORABLE US ECONOMIC SITUATION. ARAFAT PROCEEDING NEXT WEEK TO AMMAN, AND FRANGIEH AND ARAB FON MINS WILL TAKE PART IN UN DEBATE ON PALESTINE. ON UNCLASSIFIED

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SAHARA, KING CITED ARAB SUPPORT FOR MOROCCAN-MAURITANIAN POSITION

AND REAFFIRMED MOROCCAN WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE DIRECTLY AND IN GOOD FAITH WITH SPANISH. OIL HAD BEEN DISCUSSED ONLY TANGENTIALLY, WITH NO DECISIONS REACHED. AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT WOULD PROBABLY BE HELD BEFORE JUNE 1975. EUROPEAN-ARAB RELATIONS NOT YET ON LEVEL WITH AFRICAN-ARAB, BUT EUROPEAN REFUSAL TO GRANT US OVERFLIGHTS DURING OCT WAR STEP IN RIGHT DIRECTION. NEXT ARAB SUMMIT SET FOR JUNE 1975, SIT TO BE CHOSEN BY FON MINS IN MARCH. ANALYSIS FOLLOWS

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2. KING HASSAN HELD PRESS CONFERENCE MORNING OCT 30, ON OUT COME ARAB SUMMIT. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY'S RECAP OF HIS MORE SIGNIFICANT COMMENTS:

3. PALESTINIAN-JORDANIAN ACCORD. HASSAN IN OPENING REMARKS COMMENTED THAT RECONCILIATION HAD NOT, IN FACT, BEEN DISDAINED THANKS TO FEELING OF RESPONSIBILITY OF ARAFAT AND HUSSEIN, ALTHOUGH SOME TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES HAD HAD TO BE OVERCOME. TALKS HAD STARTED ON SUJECT AT 1:00P.M. AND BY 7:00P.M. EVERYTHING HAD BEEN WORKED OUT. THIS WAS SOMETHING OF A RECORD, SHOWING THAT ALTHOUGH POSITIONS HAD SEEMED IRRECONCILABLE, THIS WAS NOT IN FACT CASE. PLO AND JORDAN, HE ADDED, HAD COMPLEMENTARY TASKS TO PERFORM. PALESTINE ENTITY BECOMING MORE AND MORE TANGIBLE EVERY DAY. RECOGNITION OF PLO, KING CONCLUDED, WOULD FACILITATE TASK OF PURSUING PEACE. HE SAID ARAFAT WOULD BE PROCEEDING TO AMMAN NEXT WEEK TO MEET WITH HUSSEIN, AND GENEVA PROBLEM WOULD NO DOUBT BE DISCUSSED. (THIS MAY BE IN CONNECTION WITH PROJECTED SUMMIT OF CONFRONTATION STATE LEADERS, FOR PURPOSE OF WORKING OUT IMPLEMENTATION OF RABAT ACCORD, REPORTED IN SEMI-OFFICIAL PRESS OCT 30.)

4. PEACE EFFORTS. REPLYING TO QUESTIONS, KING SAW PROSPECTS OF PALESTINIAN-ISRAELI FACE-TO-FACE DIALOGUE AS "IMPOUNDERABLE" BUT STRESSED VIEW THAT ARABS NOW HAD INITIATIVE IN PEACE EFFORTS. IN THIS CONTEXT, KING NOTED MILITARY COORDINATION AND PREPARATIONS ALSO CONTINUING, AND THAT PEACE EFFORTS COULD THEREFORE NOT BE FROZEN. LONGER CONFRONTATION LASTED, AND THE MORE THE SIDES ARMED, THE LESS UNCLASSIFIED

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CONFIDENCE WOULD BE POSSIBLE. EVEN US COULD NOT AFFORD LONG-TERM CONFRONTATION, HE ARGUED.

5. KING SAID GOING TO GENEVA WOULD BE UP TO ARAB CONFRONTATION STATES. IF EITHER PALESTINIANS OR JORDANIANS COULD DO ANYTHING TO UNFREEZE MATTERS, EITHER WOULD APPROVE SUCH MOVE BY OTHER. PLO, HE NOTED, HAD NOT EXCLUDED POSSIBILITY OF DISENGAGEMENT.

6. QUESTIONED ABOUT ARAFAT'S REMARKS ON ISRAELI PREPARATION FOR FIFTH WAR (RABAT 5271), HASSAN REPLIED HE DID NOT HAVE SPECIAL INFORMATION ABOUT THIS OTHER THAN WHAT HE HAD HEARD AT CONFERENCE FROM ARAFAT. HE ALSO CHARACTERIZED 1967 KHARTOUM SUMMIT DECLARATIONS AS ANCIENT HISTORY, NOTING THAT TIMES HAD CHANGED DRASTICALLY AND ARABS NOW IN MUCH MORE POSITIVE SITUATION.

7. US-ARAB RELATIONS. THRUST KING'S REMARKS THIS SUBJECT WAS THAT U.S. MUST NOW RECKON SERIOUSLY WITH ARABS. ECONOMIC FACTS, HE INDICATED, ARE THAT US HAS \$50 BILLION DEFICIT (SIC) AND ARABS \$50 BILLION SURPLUS. IN THIS SITUATION, US COULD NOT CONTINUE PROVIDING AID TO ISRAEL AT PRESENT HIGH LEVELS. THIS IS FUNDAMENTAL POINT WHICH MAKES SITUATION FLUID AND WHICH WILL ULTIMATELY FORCE ISRAEL TO MOVE OUT OF ITS PRESENT POLICY IMMOBILISM, HE ARGUED. ASKED WHETHER SECRETARY'S TRIP HAD AFFECTED CONFERENCE'S DELIBERATIONS, KING SAID THAT LEADERS NATURALLY HAD TO TAKE GREATEST POWER IN WORLD INTO CONSIDERATION. HOWEVER, MAIN POINT IS THAT US CANNOT ALTER ARAB DETERMINATION TO MOVE AWAY FROM IMMOBILISM.

8. PALESTINIAN QUESTION AT UN. HASSAN INDICATED PRES FRANGIEH WOULD BE GOING TO NEW YORK, AS WELL AS ARAB FON MINS, TO REPRESENT ARAB STATES DURING UNGA DEBATE ON PALESTINE. HE ALSO HAD BEEN ASKED ABOUT GOING, AND HAD REPLIED HE WOULD TRY TO DO SO IF HE COULD, HE SAID.

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9. ATMOSPHERE OF CONFERENCE. ALSO IN PRELIMINARY REMARKS, HASSAN STRESSED IMPROVEMENT IN ARAB ATMOSPHERE SINCE LAST SUMMIT AND CORDIALITY PREVAILING IN RABAT TALKS. LIBYA AND IRAQ, HE NOTED, WERE PRESENT THIS YEAR (ALTHOUGH LIBYA REPRESENTED BY ITS AMBASSADOR TO PARIS AND IRAQ BY SECOND ECHELON), HAVING NOT ATTENDED ALGIERS SUMMIT. THUS, THIS YEAR'S DECISIONS HAD BEEN UNANIMOUS. ATMOSPHERE, HE STATED, HAD BEEN SERIOUS, EVEN GRAVELY SO, AND CONSCIOUS. HASSAN SAID ANY "SECRET" AGREEMENTS HAD HAD TO DO WITH COORDINATION, NOT BASIC SUBSTANCE, OF ARAB ISSUES.

10. SPANISH SAHARA. KING REITERATED THAT MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT. HE SAID BOUMEDIENE HAD MADE ON-RECORD SPEECH REAFFIRMING THAT ALGERIA HAD UNCLASSIFIED

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NO DESIGNS ON TERRITORY OR MINERAL RESOURCES OF SAHARA. ONLY CONCERN WAS NORMAL ONE OF NEIGHBORING STATES WHICH DOES NOT WISH TO SEE CONFRONTATION IN REGION. ALGERIA, BOUMEDIENE REPORTEDLY SAID, UPSET THAT ITS MAGHREB LOYALTY CALLED INTO QUESTION AND WANTED SET RECORD STRAIGHT.

11. WHEN PRESSED AS TO WHETHER HAD BEEN NEW DEVELOPMENTS, KING SAID THAT ARAB STATES SOLID IN SUPPORT OF MOROCCAN-MAURITANIAN POSITION. ALL ARABS WISH SPAIN TO PRESERVE TRADITIONAL AMITY WITH ARAB WORLD BY ENTERING DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS WITH MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA. IN EFFECT ADDRESSING HIMSELF TO SPANISH, KING SAID MOROCCO IS TRUE TO ITS WORD, READY TO NEGOTIATE DIRECTLY, AND TO REMOVE ALL SPANISH FEARS.

12. REFERRING TO ARAFAT'S OFFER, IN HIS SPEECH TO CLOSING SESSION OF CONFERENCE, OF FEDAYEEN FOR SAHARA, KING SAID PROPOSAL MADE IN SPIRIT OF RECIPROCITY IN VIEW AID WHICH MOROCCO HAS FURNISHED PALESTINIAN CAUSE.

13. OIL WEAPON. KING ASSERTED, IN RESPONSE TO DIRECT QUESTION, THAT OIL WEAPON DISCUSSED "ONLY TANGENTIALLY," AND NO DECISIONS REACHED. IN RESPONSE TO LATER QUESTION HE COMMENTED THAT ARABS HAD LEARNED THAT OIL TAP IS A POWERFUL DOUBLE-EDGED WEAPON WHICH IT IS IMPORTANT NOT TO ABUSE. OIL WOULD BE LEFT FLOWING. OIL PRODUCERS WOULD MEET SUBSEQUENTLY ON SPECIFIC ISSUES.

14. AFRO-ARAB AND EURO-ARAB ECONOMIC RELATIONS. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION RE AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT, KING SAID SUMMIT WOULD BE HELD, NOT BEFORE END OF YEAR BUT BEFORE JUNE 1975. WENT ON TO SAY THAT EURO-ARAB RELATIONS NOT YET ON SAME BASIS AS THOSE WITH AFRICA, SINCE FORMER DIALOGUE HAS EMERGED FROM USE OF OIL WEAPON, WHILE LATTER RESTS ON "PURELY MORAL AND INTELLECTUAL" DECISIONS TAKEN BY AFRICAN NATIONS. NEVERTHELESS, REFUSAL OF OVERFLIGHT PRIVILEGES FOR US PLANES BY MANY EUROPEAN NATIONS DURING LAST MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT IS EVIDENCE THAT ARAB DIALOGUE WITH EUROPE DOES EXIST AND IS DEVELOPING.

15. ARAB BANK AND FUND. KING DISINGUISHED PURPOSE OF UNCLASSIFIED

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FUND, FINANCED AT \$25 MILLION, AS LENDING FACILITY TO HELP AFRICAN NATIONS FINANCE "CONJUNCTURAL PROBLEMS" CREATED BY OIL PRICE INCREASE. IT FUNDED ENTIRELY BY OIL REVENUE COUNTRIES. BANK, ON OTHER HAND, IS INSTRUMENT OF ALL ARAB LANDS AND IS FUNDED AT \$200 MILLION. ITS PURPOSE IS TO ENGAGE IN CONVENTIONAL BANKING OPERATIONS, BORROWING AND LENDING TO OTHER MAJOR FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, MAKING AVAILABLE CAPITAL FOR LONGER-TERM PURPOSES, PRIMARILY INVESTMENT.

16. NEXT SUMMIT. THIS SET FOR JUNE 1975, KING INDICATED, WITH FON MINS TO DECIDE SITE AT THEIR ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 1975.

17. HASSAN ENDED HIS REMARKS WITH IMPASSIONED PLEA FOR WORLD UNDERSTANDING OF AND HELP FOR PALESTINIAN PLIGHT. PALESTINIANS, HE SAID, HAD BEEN GREATLY WRONGED BY WORLD. EQUATING 6 MILLION JEWS KILLED BY NAZIS IN WORLD WAR II WITH FIGURE OF 6 MILLION PALESTINIAN REFUGEES, HE CONDEMNED EXTREMIST RHETORIC ON BOTH SIDES. HE SPECIFICALLY REPUDIATED, AS EXAMPLE, AHMED SHUQAYRI'S THREATS ABOUT CUTTING OPEN BELLIES OF PREGNANT ISRAELI WOMEN AND THROWING CHILDREN INTO MEDITERRANEAN. "WE ALL SONS OF ABRAHAM," KING CONCLUDED. NEUMANN

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